

HUNTER CAMPING **BLACK RIVER STATE FOREST**

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The Black River State Forest has over 67,000 acres of state-owned land open for public hunting. The following exceptions apply:

1. No hunting is allowed in campgrounds or day use areas.
2. No hunting is allowed in other areas that are signed and designated as closed.
3. No hunting is allowed on private lands within the state forest boundary unless permission is expressly given by the landowner (exception: private tax law lands designated as "open").

STATE FOREST CAMPGROUNDS:

A state park/forest vehicle *admission sticker* is required to camp at these facilities. A *camping fee* is charged for each night's stay.

The Black River State Forest has three designated campgrounds that are open year round. Picnic tables and pit toilets are available at each campground.

Castle Mound:	35 sites, 5 with electricity
East Fork:	25 sites, not plowed in the winter
Pigeon Creek:	38 sites

OFF-SITE CAMPING (allowed only during the 9-day deer gun season):

You are encouraged to apply for a camping permit *after* Labor Day and *before* deer season begins.

1. Camping outside designated campground areas is *prohibited* except during the 9-day deer gun season.
2. During the 9-day deer gun season a **permit is required prior to setting up camp.**
3. Off-site camping is allowed the Thursday prior to the opening of the 9-day deer gun season through the end of the 9-day season.
4. One permit is required for each camping unit.
5. The off-site camping permit is free of charge.
6. An off-site camping permit may be obtained in person during business hours at the DNR Black River Falls Service Center or by writing: Superintendent, Black River State Forest, 910 Hwy 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
7. You must provide the following information on your permit application: name, address, vehicle year, make and license number, camping dates, number of people in the camping party, type and make of camping unit and a specific camp location.
8. Fire danger may cause suspension of camping permits.
9. Citations will be issued for campsites which do not have a permit visibly posted.

TRAILS:

1. Snowmobile and ATV trails are closed to vehicular traffic.
2. Trails that have earthen embankments, gates, posts, fallen timber or posted against vehicle traffic are closed.
3. Logging roads or trails that are not gated or otherwise designated as closed are open for your use.

STATE FOREST REGULATIONS:

1. Do not block roads, trails or gates in any manner.
2. Extinguish all fires before leaving your campsite.
3. Remove all garbage from the site; do *not* bury garbage. Please leave your site cleaner than when you arrived.
4. Keep out of closed areas.
5. Only dead and down firewood may be gathered in the general area of your camp.
6. ATV use on trails during the 9-day deer gun season is restricted to Disabled Permit holders issued specifically for the Black River State Forest.

For more information contact the Black River Falls Service Center at 715-284-1400 or visit the Black River State Forest web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/StateForests>.